3-1.

a)
$$v_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{10^4 \text{ dyne/cm}}{10^2 \text{ gram}}} = \frac{10}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\frac{\text{gram} \cdot \text{cm}}{\text{sec}^2 \cdot \text{cm}}}{\text{gram}}} = \frac{10}{2\pi} \text{ sec}^{-1}$$

or,

$$v_0 \cong 1.6 \text{ Hz}$$
 (1)
 $\tau_0 = \frac{1}{v_0} = \frac{2\pi}{10} \sec$

or,

$$\tau_0 \cong 0.63 \text{ sec} \tag{2}$$

b)
$$E = \frac{1}{2}kA^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 10^4 \times 3^2$$
 dyne-cm

so that

$$E = 4.5 \times 10^4 \text{ erg} \tag{3}$$

c) The maximum velocity is attained when the total energy of the oscillator is equal to the kinetic energy. Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{2} m v_{\text{max}}^2 = 4.5 \times 10^4 \text{ erg}$$
$$v_{\text{max}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 4.5 \times 10^4}{100}}$$

or,

$$v_{\rm max} = 30 \text{ cm/sec}$$
 (4)

3-2.

a) The statement that at a certain time $t = t_1$ the maximum amplitude has decreased to one-half the initial value means that

$$|x_{en}| = A_0 e^{-\beta t_1} = \frac{1}{2} A_0 \tag{1}$$

or,

$$e^{-\beta t_1} = \frac{1}{2}$$
 (2)

so that

$$\beta = \frac{\ln 2}{t_1} = \frac{0.69}{t_1} \tag{3}$$

Since $t_1 = 10 \sec t$,

$$\beta = 6.9 \times 10^{-2} \text{ sec}^{-1} \tag{4}$$

b) According to Eq. (3.38), the angular frequency is

$$\omega_1 = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \beta^2} \tag{5}$$

where, from Problem 3-1, $\omega_0 = 10 \text{ sec}^{-1}$. Therefore,

$$\omega_{1} = \sqrt{\left(10\right)^{2} - \left(6.9 \times 10^{-2}\right)^{2}}$$

$$\approx 10 \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(6.9\right)^{2} \times 10^{-6}\right] \sec^{-1}$$
(6)

so that

$$\nu_1 = \frac{10}{2\pi} \left(1 - 2.40 \times 10^{-5} \right) \,\mathrm{sec}^{-1} \tag{7}$$

which can be written as

$$\nu_1 = \nu_0 \left(1 - \delta \right) \tag{8}$$

where

$$\delta = 2.40 \times 10^{-5} \tag{9}$$

That is, v_1 is only slightly different from v_0 .

c) The *decrement* of the motion is defined to be $e^{\beta \tau_1}$ where $\tau_1 = 1/\nu_1$. Then,

$$e^{\beta \tau_1} \simeq 1.0445$$

3-7.

Let *A* be the cross-sectional area of the floating body, h_b its height, h_s the height of its submerged part; and let ρ and ρ_0 denote the mass densities of the body and the fluid, respectively.

The volume of displaced fluid is therefore $V = Ah_s$. The mass of the body is $M = \rho Ah_b$.

There are two forces acting on the body: that due to gravity (*Mg*), and that due to the fluid, pushing the body up $(-\rho_0 gV = -\rho_0 gh_s A)$.

The equilibrium situation occurs when the total force vanishes:

$$0 = Mg - \rho_0 gV$$

= $\rho gAh_b - \rho_0 gh_s A$ (1)

which gives the relation between h_s and h_b :

$$h_{s} = h_{b} \frac{\rho}{\rho_{0}} \tag{2}$$

For a small displacement about the equilibrium position $(h_s \rightarrow h_s + x)$, (1) becomes

$$M\ddot{x} = \rho A h_b \ddot{x} = \rho g A h_b - \rho_0 g (h_s + x) A$$
(3)

Upon substitution of (1) into (3), we have

$$\rho A h_b \ddot{x} = -\rho_0 g x A \tag{4}$$

or,

$$\ddot{x} + g \,\frac{\rho_0}{\rho h_b} \, x = 0 \tag{5}$$

Thus, the motion is oscillatory, with an angular frequency

$$\omega^2 = g \frac{\rho_0}{\rho h_b} = \frac{g}{h_s} = \frac{gA}{V}$$
(6)

where use has been made of (2), and in the last step we have multiplied and divided by *A*. The period of the oscillations is, therefore,

$$\tau = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{V}{gA}}$$
(7)

Substituting the given values, $\tau \simeq 0.18$ s.

3-11. The total energy of a damped oscillator is

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}(t)^{2} + \frac{1}{2}kx(t)^{2}$$
(1)

where

$$x(t) = Ae^{-\beta t} \cos(\omega_1 t - \delta)$$
(2)

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ae^{-\beta t} \left[-\beta \cos(\omega_1 t - \delta) - \omega_1 \sin(\omega_1 t - \delta) \right]$$
(3)

$$\omega_1 = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \beta^2}$$
, $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$

Substituting (2) and (3) into (1), we have

$$E(t) = \frac{A^2}{2} e^{-2\beta t} \left[\left(m\beta^2 + k \right) \cos^2 \left(\omega_1 t - \delta \right) + m\omega_1^2 \sin^2 \left(\omega_1 t - \delta \right) + 2m\beta \omega_1 \sin \left(\omega_1 t - \delta \right) \cos \left(\omega_1 t - \delta \right) \right]$$
(4)

Rewriting (4), we find the expression for E(t):

$$E(t) = \frac{mA^2}{2} e^{-2\beta t} \left[\beta^2 \cos 2(\omega_1 t - \delta) + \beta \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \beta^2} \sin 2(\omega_1 t - \delta) + \omega_0^2 \right]$$
(5)

Taking the derivative of (5), we find the expression for $\frac{dE}{dt}$:

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{mA^2}{2} e^{-2\beta t} \left[\left(2\beta \omega_0^2 - 4\beta^3 \right) \cos 2\left(\omega_1 t - \delta \right) - 4\beta^2 \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \beta^2} \sin 2\left(\omega_1 t - \delta \right)_0 - 2\beta \omega^2 \right]$$
(6)

The above formulas for *E* and dE/dt reproduce the curves shown in Figure 3-7 of the text. To find the average rate of energy loss for a lightly damped oscillator, let us take $\beta \ll \omega_0$. This means that the oscillator has time to complete some number of periods before its amplitude decreases considerably, i.e. the term $e^{-2\beta t}$ does not change much in the time it takes to complete one period. The cosine and sine terms will average to nearly zero compared to the constant term in dE/dt, and we obtain in this limit

$$\frac{dE}{dt} \simeq -m\beta\omega_0^2 A^2 e^{-2\beta t}$$

3-13. For the case of critical damping, $\beta = \omega_0$. Therefore, the equation of motion becomes

$$\ddot{x} + 2\beta \dot{x} + \beta^2 x = 0 \tag{1}$$

If we assume a solution of the form

$$x(t) = y(t)e^{-\beta t}$$
⁽²⁾

we have

$$\dot{x} = \dot{y}e^{-\beta t} - \beta ye^{-\beta t}$$

$$\ddot{x} = \ddot{y}e^{-\beta t} - 2\beta \dot{y}e^{-\beta t} + \beta^2 ye^{-\beta t}$$
(3)

Substituting (3) into (1), we find

$$\ddot{y}e^{-\beta t} - 2\beta \dot{y}e^{-\beta t} + \beta^2 ye^{-\beta t} + 2\beta \dot{y}e^{-\beta t} - 2\beta^2 ye^{-\beta t} + \beta^2 ye^{-\beta t} = 0$$
(4)

or,

$$\ddot{y} = 0 \tag{5}$$

Therefore,

$$y(t) = A + Bt \tag{6}$$

and

$$x(t) = (A + Bt)e^{-\beta t}$$
(7)

which is just Eq. (3.43).

3-14. For the case of overdamped oscillations, x(t) and $\dot{x}(t)$ are expressed by

$$x(t) = e^{-\beta t} \left[A_1 e^{\omega_2 t} + A_2 e^{-\omega_2 t} \right]$$
(1)

$$\dot{x}(t)e^{-\beta t} \left[-\beta \left(A_1 e^{\omega_2 t} + A_2 e^{-\omega_2 t} \right) + \left(A_1 \omega_2 e^{\omega_2 t} - A_2 \omega_2 e^{-\omega_2 t} \right) \right]$$
(2)

where $\omega_2 = \sqrt{\beta^2 - \omega_0^2}$. Hyperbolic functions are defined as

$$\cosh y = \frac{e^y + e^{-y}}{2}, \quad \sinh y = \frac{e^y - e^{-y}}{2}$$
 (3)

or,

$$e^{y} = \cosh y + \sinh y$$

$$e^{-y} = \cosh y - \sinh y$$
(4)

Using (4) to rewrite (1) and (2), we have

$$x(t) = \left(\cosh\beta t - \sinh\beta t\right) \left[\left(A_1 + A_2\right)\cosh\omega_2 t + \left(A_1 - A_2\right)\sinh\omega_2 t \right]$$
(5)

and

$$\dot{x}(t) = (\cosh\beta t - \sinh\beta t) \Big[(A_1\omega_2 - A_1\beta) (\cosh\omega_2 t + \sinh\omega_2 t) \\ - (A_2\beta + A_2\omega_2) (\cosh\omega_2 t - \sinh\omega_2 t) \Big]$$
(6)